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HIGH TRIBUTE

Paid Judge Kinner by the Lawrence County Bar.

Just before Court adjourned last Saturday the lawyers of the Lawrence County Bar and the officers of the Lawrence Circuit Court, by Mr. R. T. Burns, (he being the oldest member of the Bar) presented Judge S. G. Kinner with the following open letter. Mr. Burns in presenting the letter made some appropriate remarks alluding to the fact that over fifty years ago the Judge had learned his A. B. C.'s (as Mr. Burns expressed it) at his knee while teaching school in the old Cummings Chapel in Blaine bottom, and with pathos spoke of the kindness that Judge Kinner's "noble father" had shown Mr. Burns in the struggling days of his early life.

Eloquent and appropriate remarks were made by H. C. Sullivan, M. S. Burns, G. W. Skaggs, W. D. O'Neal and others, to which Judge Kinner with tearful eyes responded in the most feeling manner. Among other things saying "He prized the letter highly, and would take it home, read it to his good wife and children, and give it to them to be held by them as a keepsake even after he had passed away."

A deep feeling pervaded, not only the Bar, but the entire audience, and every eye was moistened with tears.

Louisa, Ky., June 9th, 1906.

Hon. S. G. Kinner,
Dear Sir:—As under the late act of the Legislature creating the 32nd Judicial District, this is the last day you can preside as our Circuit Judge. Now we, the members of the Lawrence County Bar, and we the officers of the Lawrence Circuit Court, desire to say to you that it is with deep regret and sorrow that we part with you as Judge.

The able, candid and impartial manner in which you have presided over this Court for fourteen years, lacking one term, certainly merits our high admiration and esteem; and the kindness and courtesy extended to us personally by your Honor has endeared you to us all.

We desire to present you this open letter, here publicly in open Court, in its closing hour, as a tribute of our sincere respect and esteem for you, and we ask your Honor that it be spread upon the records of this Court.

We are glad that in parting with you as Judge, that we do not feel that we are parting with you socially, or as a friend; but sincerely hope that you and we may all live to continue to enjoy this friendship for many years yet to come.

And now sir, wishing your arduous duties in the new field of labor assigned you may be very pleasant to you, and that your discharge of those duties there may be very pleasant to you, and as highly satisfactory to those whom you there serve, as has ever been your past service to us, and to all the good and law abiding people of Lawrence county, we bid you, as Judge, an affectionate farewell.

R. T. Burns, T. S. Thompson, J. M. Riffe, W. M. Savage, R. F. Vinson, A. J. Garred, G. E. Fugett, F. R. Moore, G. W. Skaggs, A. O. Carter, M. S. Burns, James W. Heron, H. C. Sullivan, F. L. Stewart, W. D. O'Neal, Jr. J. A. Vinson, W. M. Fulkerson, Jr. R. E. Lee, John W. Woods, J. T. Sweetnam, A. L. Burton, Jailer, H. B. Salter, S. L. C., Wm. Carey, D. S., E. E. Shannon, M. C., Bert Shannon, C. L. C. C.

Once More the Bridge.

The NEWS likes to say something of this invaluable improvement. Day by day its great worth to our people becomes more apparent. The "stake" bridges are being made, and the necessary timber were on hand the final blow would be made this week. Much travel was done on the structure this week, but much of the floor was only temporary. This has been taken up and the permanent flooring is being laid. The Polat approach, a strong covered trestle, is nearly finished, and it will be but a few days until the completed structure will be turned over to the company.

Recruiting Station.

Recent enlistments at the Louisa recruiting station in charge of Sergeant Jones are: Louis Benard, of Potter; John Redford, of Burgess, and John B. Cornwell, of Kavanaugh. These "rookies" were sent to Columbus Barracks, and having selected the infantry they will be assigned to this arm of the service.

Enlistment in the United States army at this time affords young and healthy unmarried men a chance to see the world such as may not be afforded again in a life-time. They have an excellent chance to see the Philippines, the Sandwich Islands, part of Africa and Asia, and ocean galore. The pay is \$13 a month the first year, with excellent food, good clothes, medical attention and nursing when sick. Every military post has its school, and a good opportunity for securing a good English education is afforded. Merit is quickly recognized and promptly rewarded by promotion and increased pay, and proper application and fitness may win a commission.

Look for the flag opposite the Court House every day in the week.

DEATH

Comes to Wm. Frazier at the Ripe Age of 85.

Last Monday night William Frazier, one of the oldest men in this section, died at his residence across the river in Port Gay. The burial occurred Wednesday morning at Fairview, according to the rites of Masonry. He left four sons, James Allen, Sam, Lat, of Catlettsburg, and William. Mrs. R. L. Vinson, of Louisa, is a granddaughter. Also, Mrs. Della Ferguson. Mr. Frazier's death was due to the infirmities of his advanced age.

This venerable patriarch was, in the language of one who had known him many years, a grand old man. Of stern integrity and uprightness of life, he was a bright example to his fellow-men. His kindly nature and disposition made him greatly liked by all, and it is safe to say "Uncle Bill" left none but friends.

Mr. Frazier was born and lived continuously near the spot where he was born. At his birth that place was in Cabell county, Va. Thus he had the unique distinction of having lived in two states and two counties without ever having moved.

Curt Jett Confesses.

Curtis Jett, under life sentence for one murder and on trial for another, has made a full confession of his connection with the horrible Breathitt county assassinations. He shows his uncle James Hargis to be the chief conspirator, with Ed. Callahan and Elbert Hargis willing lieutenants. Judge Hargis has been in jail about ten days on the charge of causing the assassination of Dr. Cox. Callahan and Elbert Hargis have been arrested since Jett's confession.

The confession gives all details of the awful crimes committed. Every one of the gang should be hung, just as all other cowardly conspirators and assassins should be. There is no crime that deserves more severe punishment. If the conspirators and assassins of Cox, Cockrell, Marcum and Goebel were gathered together and strung up in a row it would be not only an act of justice but a wholesome warning to other fiends who might stoop to this terrible crime. Kentucky must enforce her laws. The public knows every detail of all those assassinations. There is not a reasonable doubt that the guilty men are in custody and that those not yet captured are known. Yet our courts continue to split hairs on technicalities and let the villains live. Not a demon of the whole bunch has yet been hung. Treat them all alike and give them the extent of the law!

Was Largely Attended.

The funeral of Mrs. Julia Hale which occurred last Friday afternoon was very largely attended. The services, which were held at the house, were conducted by Rev. N. G. Grizzle, and at their conclusion the body was interred at Pine Hill.

In this connection the children desire to express their appreciation of the great kindness manifested by the friends and neighbors of their dead mother during her long illness.

DARING DEED.

A Cowboy Stops Runaway Horse and Saves Two Lives.

An occurrence such as those you often read of but seldom see took place on the crowded streets of Louisa last Monday. It was show day, Jones' Enormous Shows being the attraction, and the time was the hour of the big parade. There was a big crowd in town, and the streets and sidewalks along the line of the parade were thronged. Among the multitude in the streets was Circuit Clerk Bert Shannon, with his wife and little boy in a buggy drawn by a spirited horse. Near the intersection of Main Cross and Lady Washington streets Shannon got out of the buggy, leaving the others sitting in it, and took his horse by the bit to prevent a dash.

The parade was advancing toward the horse, and when the startled animal saw the elephants it suddenly reared upon its hind legs, jerking Bert from the ground and badly cutting his nose with its teeth. Bert let go and fell to the ground, the horse bolted and dashed up towards the head of the street, the buggy passing over Shannon's leg, inflicting some painful bruises. The horse kept up its mad run and the helpless woman and child in the vehicle seemed doomed to a horrible death.

But help from an unexpected quarter was at hand. Seeing the impending danger, Manuel Starr, one of the cowboys in the parade, put spurs to his horse and dashed in pursuit. He seemed to know exactly the lay of the streets, for he sped up Lady Washington street to Madison and up Madison to the Ben Thomas corner, and here he headed off the frightened horse, still attached to the buggy. Closing in with the animal he seized it by the bridle, close to the bit, and with apparently no effort he soon brought him to a stop. The only harm to Mrs. Shannon and the boy was a bad fright, and the buggy was not damaged in the least. Starr's gallant conduct was witnessed and applauded by hundreds of people, and when he appeared in his act in the ring that afternoon he was greeted with cheers.

Lock Improvement on Big Sandy.

The first fruits of the government improvement of the Big Sandy river are being reaped by timbermen of this section, who have been taking advantage of the slackwater to bring out the hundreds of rafts that were left in the Big Sandy river by the last rise.

On last Sunday the pool was full to the top, there being 18 feet of water above the dam, in the Big Sandy, at Catlettsburg, while the Great Ohio river at the same place registered but 9 feet. This gives a permanent locking stage to George's Creek, a distance of 40 miles, and two more locks are in process of completion.

The locks have thoroughly proved this week the efficiency of the work, nineteen lockages being made on last Sunday, and about the same number every day since then. The lockages the first day consisted of four for steamers and fifteen for timber, there having been twenty-five rafts locked through in the fifteen lockages.

The time required to pass two rafts through the locks was twenty minutes, and this will be reduced to about one-half the time when a change is made in some of the valves, as the two valves on the shore side of the lock were the only ones in use, and they worked in an admirable manner.

The two valves in the water wall are a new design of automatic valves that had never before been used in any practical operation, being installed here on trial; and, so far, have failed to work satisfactorily. The patentee of the valves will be here in a few days, and, if he cannot make them work satisfactorily, they will be taken out and replaced with others similar to those on the shore side.

The plans for the canal from Lock No. 1 to the mouth of the river are all completed, and the contract on same, including a small lock at the mouth of the river, will soon be awarded, and work will be commenced at once.—Independent.

When you join in singing My Old Kentucky Home in Louisville this week say "of" My Old Kentucky Home and not "for."

New Order.

The following order has been issued by the Division of Rural Delivery of the Postoffice Department:

1. On and after July 1, 1906, patrons of the rural delivery service will be required to display signals on their boxes when they leave mail in them for carriers to collect, as, after that date, carriers, when serving their routes, will not be required to open and examine any mail boxes except those on which signals are displayed to indicate there is mail for carriers to collect.

2. Those patrons whose boxes are not provided with signals must attach thereto some device which, when displayed, will plainly show passing carriers there is mail to be collected. It is not necessary that such device shall be either complicated or costly; a very simple arrangement will answer the purpose.

3. Carriers must lower the signals on boxes after making collections, provided no mail is left therein, and must display the signals when they deposit mail for patrons, unless the patrons have made request to the contrary.

TELEPHONE

Matters Closed Up in Louisa By the Bell People.

The Bell Telephone Company has closed its contract with Louisa for telephone rights, and, as announced last week, will have a new exchange in operation within three or four weeks.

The contract calls for connection with country lines on a five-year basis. When the first contracts expire the company agrees to renew or make new contracts that will be mutually agreeable. The country lines are to be equipped with Bell receivers and transmitters, for which they pay a rental of one dollar per year for each phone. This entitles them to free use of the Louisa connections, and gives Louisa subscribers free use of the country lines.

All lines now coming into Louisa, or which may be built to this place within five years are entitled to come in under this contract.

Work on the main line from Huntington is under way. That is, rights of way and poles are being secured and other preliminary arrangements being made. Two months or more will be necessary to complete the line to this point.

Fire in Williamson.

Williamson has again suffered severely from fire. Owing to a lack of facilities for fighting fire the conflagration swept everything before it. It broke out late Wednesday afternoon, and it was not until the buildings on Main street situated west of the station were entirely destroyed, did the fire cease.

John B. Runyan, a clerk, was asleep above Blackburn's store, and was burned to death.

The merchants whose places of business were destroyed are as follows: N. Cantel's grocery store, George R. Blackburn, grocery store, Dolson Bros. & Company, D. H. Dolson, Abraham & Company, Mingo Meat Market, Johnson & Dickinson.

The Mingo meat market and two other concerns burned were located in a nice brick block with a stone front. The part of the town burned was just across the street from the station, running west. The origin of the fire is not known.

The loss on buildings alone will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000. The greater part of all stocks were saved.

He Tells a Good Story.

From the Brooklyn Citizen of recent date we discover that Rev. Shannon—our Fred—has appeared in a character somewhat new. He was the speaker at a feast given by a church club, telling funny stories and drawing timely conclusions. Here is his green apple story:

"After this dinner I remind myself of at least two characters who will soon be much in evidence—the proverbial green-apple boy and the Sunday School picnicer. A teacher said, 'Now the season of the green apple has arrived, and—' 'Yes, I know it,' interjected a youngster. 'You should not interrupt me, Tommy, but how did you know about it?' 'I've had inside information, ma'am.'"

SUDDEN DEATH.

McDonald Preston Expires Suddenly at His Home at Richardson.

This community was shocked last Friday morning by the news of the sudden death of McDonald Preston, one of the best citizens of the county. He rose at his usual early hour, about 5 o'clock, and seemed in perfect health. After breakfast he went out to make some repairs about the well, and a few minutes afterwards his wife found him near the well, dead. Interment was made in the yard, not far from the house, which was the house formerly occupied by Millard Garred, not far from Richardson. He left a widow and three children, a son and two daughters, all married.

Rev. H. B. Hewlett conducted the funeral services.

McDonald (Dorner) Preston was about 60 years of age, and a most excellent man. He was a good husband and father, a first-class citizen, and in all respects worthy of the high esteem in which he was held by his neighbors. He had many relatives by blood and by marriage, among whom was Mrs. P. H. Vaughan of this place, who was a sister.

Pikeville.

John Eli Ratliff and sons were here yesterday, en route to Cincinnati, where he expects to have the leg of one of his sons amputated, on account of a severe case of white swelling of several years' duration.

Attorney M. W. Maynard received word yesterday evening of the death of the wife of his only brother, G. T. Maynard, of Guthrie. She was hoisting in the garden on Wednesday when she was prostrated from heat, dying in a few hours.

The City Council has appointed A. E. Auxier, Mayor of the city, vice R. A. Heller, deceased. This is a good selection. Mr. Auxier is a young man of brains and honesty and will have an eye single to the best interests of the city.

Uncle James Stump received a letter from Chalafia, Wash., announcing the death of Mr. Samuel McInturf, a wealthy and influential citizen of this place, and proprietor of the Palmer Hotel. Mr. McInturf's death was caused from liver trouble. He was a formerly of this county, and married Miss Cora Bevins, of Johns Creek, a sister of Mrs. Clarke Farley.

Robt. Bickel, agent for Washington Life Insurance Co., is in the city preparing papers for paying insurance claims of the late R. A. Heller.

Mrs. Dr. Z. A. Thompson left today for Burgess to bring home her baby, which has been in the care of her mother most ever since its birth, four or five months ago. Mrs. Thompson, who was so seriously ill for a long while, is now entirely recovered.

RALPH A. HELLIER.

(Manufacturer's Record.)

The death of Ralph A. Hellier at Pikeville, Ky., means the loss of a leader in the development of a portion of Kentucky richly endowed by nature, but until within the last few years practically cut off from close touch with the energies of the modern world. A native of Maine, Mr. Hellier spent the last 12 of the 35 years of his life in Pike county, Kentucky, where he was interested in the purchase and development of coal lands in the rich Elkhorn field. There he administered successfully interests representing millions of dollars, and largely through his efforts the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad was induced to extend its line a hundred miles up the Big Sandy valley, thus bringing a sturdy population of 30,000 and vast mineral and timber resources within range of the rest of the country's progress. He had become thoroughly identified with the activities of his adopted home, and was mayor of Pikeville.

Flourishing.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Louisa is in a flourishing condition. They already have a large lodge membership, and last Friday night eight candidates took the first degree. Several of the new members are from other towns. After the initiation ceremonies seasonable and greatly relished refreshments were served. Many of our best citizens are members of this ancient and honorable fraternity.

Murder in Catlettsburg.

News of a homicide committed in Catlettsburg Wednesday reached this place yesterday, but reports are vague and conflicting. Some months ago Will White, Jr., and a young man named George Layne had a difficulty in which White received some knife wounds, the user being Layne. Bad feelings were engendered between the two, and about noon yesterday a meeting occurred which resulted in the death of Layne by one or more shots fired by White.

One version of the killing is that Layne was leaning against a tree on Front street, and that White without warning fired two bullets into him, both taking effect in his head. Another, and probably the correct story is that at the time mentioned the parties met in Lat Damron's saloon and the old grudge was renewed. A few words followed, when White drew his pistol and fired, the ball entering Layne's head and causing death in a short time.

White is a son of William White, formerly of Portsmouth, where he was a whisky drummer for the old firm of Thomas P. Brown. He was well known up this valley thirty years ago.

4TH OF JULY.

Louisa Will Again Celebrate This Great Day.

Louisa will again display her patriotism by arranging a celebration for the 4th of July.

The following committee has been selected to take charge of the affair and arrange all the details: C. B. Bromley, G. A. Nash, W. N. Sullivan, M. S. Burns and F. H. Yates.

This is a live committee and it is certain that they will prepare a good program.

Louisa always has a large attendance at these celebrations, which proves that the people are patriotic and that they have an enjoyable time.

The spirit of '76 is one that should be kept alive and these celebrations help mightily to do so. Let everybody help.

C. & O. to Change Time.

The C. & O. time card will be changed about July 1. Just now we can not say what the changes will be, but they will probably not be very radical. Both passenger trains will leave Ashland a little later and will also pass Louisa later going down. The contemplated change from Central to Eastern time will not be made, for which let us be duly thankful. Now let us be uniform and all adopt the use of Central Standard time.

The change of the morning train going down to a later hour will prove very unsatisfactory to the public. As usual, the public's interests and accommodation have not been considered. It is difficult to see just whose interests have dictated such a change, especially at this season. We have no good connections with the main line anyway except the train leaving Cincinnati at noon. We have not learned whether the evening Big Sandy connection with this is to be destroyed or not. The chances are about even that it will be. The public has some rights in these matters and a railroad that refuses to recognize them simply helps to increase any prejudice that may exist against it.

Home Comers Here.

Two of the Home Comers from the West landed in Louisa yesterday. They are Richard Garred, of Cartage, Mo., and J. H. Vanhoush, of Webb City. They will visit relatives in this county for two weeks or more. Mr. Garred is a son of Uncle Dave Garred, one of our best citizens. Mr. Vanhoush is accompanied by his young son Earl. He has been in the wholesale coal business in Webb City for ten years, and is evidently quite prosperous. He is a "leveler" in a new bank at that place, and stands high as a business man. His old home was at Charley, this county.

James Hatcher, a prominent Pikeville citizen, was in Louisa a few hours recently. He was returning from the burial of Jacob Smith, of the mouth of Pond, whose illness was recently alluded to in this paper. Mr. Hatcher's dead wife was Mr. Smith's daughter.